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(covering its work during 1994)

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

31 August 1994

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report to the General Assembly of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/52 of 10 December 1993. This report covers the work of the Special Committee during 1994.

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on the Situation with regard to
the Implementation of the Declaration
on the Granting of Independence to
Colonial Countries and Peoples

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Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

CHAPTER I

ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Establishment of the Special Committee

1. The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples was established by the General Assembly pursuant to its resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961. The Committee was requested to examine the application of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and to make suggestions and recommendations on the progress and extent of the implementation of the Declaration.

2. At its seventeenth session, after considering the report of the Special Committee, 1/ the General Assembly adopted resolution 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962, by which it enlarged the Special Committee with the addition of seven new members. It invited the Committee "to continue to seek the most suitable ways and means for the speedy and total application of the Declaration to all Territories which have not yet attained independence".

3. At the same session, by its resolution 1805 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 on the question of South West Africa, the General Assembly requested the Special Committee to discharge, mutatis mutandis, the tasks assigned to the Special Committee for South West Africa by resolution 1702 (XVI) of 19 December 1961. By its resolution 1806 (XVII) of 14 December 1962, the Assembly decided to dissolve the Special Committee for South West Africa.

4. By resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, adopted at its eighteenth session, the General Assembly decided to dissolve the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and requested the Special Committee to study the information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. It also requested the Committee to take that information fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration in each of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and to undertake any special study and prepare any special report it might consider necessary.

5. At the same session and at each subsequent session, the General Assembly, after considering the report of the Special Committee, 2/ has adopted a resolution renewing the mandate of the Committee.

6. On the occasion of the tenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth and thirtieth anniversaries of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the General Assembly, by approving the related reports of the Special Committee, adopted resolutions 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, 35/118 of 11 December 1980, 40/56 of 2 December 1985 and 45/33 of 20 November 1990, containing a series of recommendations with a view to facilitating the speedy implementation of the Declaration.

7. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, by adopting resolution 46/181 of 19 December 1991, endorsed as a Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, the proposals contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General dated 13 December 1991 (A/46/634/Rev.1). The Plan, inter alia, contained the following provisions:

"22. The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, with the cooperation of the administering Powers, should:

"(a) Prepare periodic analyses of the progress and extent of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in each Territory;

"(b) Review the impact of the economic and social situation on the constitutional and political advancement of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

"(c) Organize during the Decade seminars in the Caribbean and Pacific regions alternately, as well as at United Nations Headquarters, to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the plan of action, with the participation of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, their elected representatives, the administering Powers, Member States, regional organizations, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and experts.

"23. The Special Committee should continue to seek, as a matter of priority, the full cooperation of administering Powers with regard to the dispatch of United Nations visiting missions to Non-Self-Governing Territories.

"24. The Special Committee, with the cooperation of the administering Powers, should make every effort to facilitate and encourage the participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in regional and international organizations, as well as in the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, the Special Committee itself and other United Nations decolonization bodies."

8. At its forty-eighth session, after considering the report of the Special Committee, 3/ the General Assembly adopted resolution 48/52 of 10 December 1993 in which it, inter alia:

"5. Approves the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples covering its work during 1993, including the programme of work envisaged for 1994; 4/

"...

"10. Requests the Special Committee to continue to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of the Declaration and to carry out those actions approved by the General Assembly regarding the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism in all Territories that have not yet exercised their right to self-determination and independence and, in particular:

"(a) To formulate specific proposals for the eliminations of the remaining manifestations of colonialism and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

"(b) To make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter with regard

to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security;

"(c) To continue to examine the implementation by Member States of resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions on decolonization;

"(d) To continue to pay special attention to the small Territories, in particular through the dispatch of regular visiting missions, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence;

"(e) To take all necessary steps to enlist world wide support among Governments, as well as national and international organizations, for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration and the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

"11. Also calls upon the administering Powers to continue to cooperate with the Special Committee in the discharge of its mandate and to receive visiting missions to the Territories to secure first-hand information and ascertain the wishes and aspirations of their inhabitants;

"12. Further calls upon the administering Powers that have not participated in the work of the Special Committee to do so at its 1994 session;".

9. At the same session, the General Assembly also adopted nine other resolutions, two consensuses and four decisions relating to specific Territories or other items on the agenda of the Special Committee, as well as a number of other resolutions relevant to the work of the Committee, by which the Assembly entrusted the Committee with specific tasks in relation to those Territories and items. These decisions are listed below.

1. Resolutions, consensuses and decisions concerning specific Territories

Resolutions

Territory	Resolution No.	Date of adoption
Western Sahara	48/49	10 December 1993
New Caledonia	48/50	10 December 1993
American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands	48/51 A and B	10 December 1993

Consensuses

Territory	Decision No.	Date of adoption
Gibraltar	48/422	10 December 1993
Pitcairn	48/423	10 December 1993
East Timor	48/402	24 September 1993
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	48/408	16 November 1993
St. Helena	48/424	10 December 1993

2. Resolutions concerning other items

Item	Resolution No.	Date of adoption
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations	48/45	10 December 1993
Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination	48/46	10 December 1993
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	48/47	10 December 1993
Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories	48/48	10 December 1993
Dissemination of information on decolonization	48/53	10 December 1993

3. Decision concerning other questions

Question	Decision No.	Date of adoption
Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration	48/421	10 December 1993

10. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, 5/ decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of East Timor" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session (decision 48/402).

11. At its 56th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1993, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session (decision 48/408).

4. Other resolutions and decisions relevant to the work of the Special Committee

12. Other resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session which were relevant to the work of the Special Committee and which were taken into consideration by the Special Committee are listed in a note by the Secretary-General on the Committee's organization of work (A/AC.109/L.1810).

13. Prior to the adoption of resolution 48/52, by which the General Assembly approved the proposals contained in the report of the Special Committee regarding the Committee's proposed programme of work for 1994, and resolution 48/53 of 10 December 1993 concerning the dissemination of information on decolonization, the Assembly heard an oral statement by the representative of the Secretariat relating to programme budget implications of the recommendations contained in the draft resolutions (A/48/PV.75).

5. Membership of the Special Committee

14. By a letter dated 23 December 1993 addressed to the Chairman of the Special Committee (A/AC.109/1178), the Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations informed the Chairman of the decision of the Government of the Czech Republic to withdraw from membership in the Special Committee as of 1 January 1994. On 7 February 1994, the Chairman transmitted the above-mentioned letter to the President of the General Assembly for appropriate action.

15. As at 1 January 1994, the Special Committee was composed of the following 24 members:

Afghanistan
Bulgaria
Chile
China
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba
Ethiopia
Fiji
Grenada
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Mali
Papua New Guinea
Russian Federation
Sierra Leone
Syrian Arab Republic
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
United Republic of Tanzania
Venezuela
Yugoslavia

A list of representatives who attended the meetings of the Special Committee in 1994 appears in documents A/AC.109/INF/32 and Add.1.

B. Opening of the meetings of the Special Committee in 1994 and election of officers

16. The representative of the Secretary-General addressed the Special Committee at its opening (1429th) meeting, on 15 February 1994. The Chairman made a statement at the same meeting (A/AC.109/PV.1429).

17. Also at the same meeting, the Special Committee unanimously elected the following officers:

Chairman: Mr. Renagi Renagi Lohia (Papua New Guinea)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Fernando Remírez de Estenoz Barciela (Cuba)
Mr. Andrew G. Bangali (Sierra Leone)

Rapporteur: Mr. Farouk Al-Attar (Syrian Arab Republic)

18. At the same meeting, the Special Committee decided to postpone to a future date the election of the third Vice-Chairman pending the outcome of the related consultations. No candidate came forward.

19. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Sierra Leone, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as by the Chairman (A/AC.109/PV.1429).

C. Organization of work

20. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February 1994, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/L.1811), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to maintain its Working Group, which would continue to function as a steering committee, and the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance.

21. By adopting the Chairman's suggestions referred to above, the Special Committee also requested its Subcommittee to meet as soon as possible to organize its programme of work for the year and, in addition to considering the items indicated in paragraph 22, to carry out the specific tasks assigned to the Committee by the General Assembly concerning the items referred to it.

22. The Special Committee further decided to adopt the suggestions of the Chairman relating to the allocation of items and the procedure for their consideration (A/AC.109/L.1811, paras. 2 and 3).

23. At its 1439th meeting, on 15 July, on the basis of the recommendations contained in the 101st report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1821), the Special Committee took further decisions relating to its organization of work.

Representation of the Special Committee

24. The Special Committee was invited to the following conferences and meetings:

(a) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, held at Bridgetown, Barbados, in April-May 1994 (see para. 77);

(b) Eleventh Ministerial Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Cairo, Egypt, in May-June 1994 (see para. 86).

D. Meetings of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies

25. In keeping with its resolve to continue taking all possible measures to rationalize the organization of its work, and with the full and close cooperation of its entire membership, the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies were again able to keep to a minimum the number of their formal meetings, as indicated below, by holding, whenever possible, informal meetings and extensive consultations through Committee officers.

1. Special Committee

26. The Special Committee held 12 meetings at Headquarters during 1994, as follows:

First part of the session:

1429th to 1430th meetings, from 15 February to 13 April;

Second part of the session:

1431st to 1440th meetings, from 11 July to 15 September.

27. During the session, the Special Committee considered in plenary meetings the following questions and adopted decisions thereon, as indicated below:

Question	Meetings	Decision
Question of sending visiting missions to Territories	1429-1431, 1434	A/49/23 (Part II), chap. III, para. 16
Tokelau	1429-1431, 1440	A/49/23 (Part VII), chap. X, para. 13
American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Pitcairn, St. Helena	1431, 1432 1437, 1439	A/49/23 (Part VI), chap. IX, paras. 33 and 34
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	1431, 1433	A/49/23 (Part VIII), chap. XI, para. 13
New Caledonia	1431, 1434, 1438, 1439	A/49/23 (Part V), chap. VIII, para. 25
East Timor	1431, 1435-1437	A/49/23 (Part V), chap. VIII, para. 11
Western Sahara	1431, 1437	A/49/23 (Part V), chap. VIII, para. 29

Question	Meetings	Decision
Special Committee decision of 15 August 1991 concerning Puerto Rico	1432, 1437, 1438	A/49/23 (Part I), chap. I, para. 41
Gibraltar	1433	A/49/23 (Part V), chap. VIII, para. 16
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations	1434	A/49/23 (Part IV), chap. VII, para. 8
Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Territories under colonial domination	1434, 1438, 1439	A/49/23 (Part III), chap. IV, para. 10
Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration	1434, 1438, 1439	A/49/23 (Part III), chap. V, para. 10
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	1434, 1440	A/49/23 (Part IV), chap. VI, para. 11

28. The Special Committee considered the items allocated to its subsidiary bodies on the basis of the reports of the respective bodies (see paras. 30 and 35) and adopted decisions as indicated below.

2. Subsidiary bodies

(a) Working Group

29. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February, the Special Committee decided to maintain its Working Group, the composition of which was to be as follows: Congo, Fiji, Islamic Republic of Iran and Trinidad and Tobago, together with the five officers of the Committee, namely, the Chairman (Papua New Guinea), the Vice-Chairmen (Cuba and Sierra Leone (see para. 18)) and the Rapporteur (Syrian Arab Republic), as well as the Chairman (Tunisia) and the Rapporteur (Chile) of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance.

30. During the period covered by the present report, the Working Group held two meetings, as well as a number of unofficial meetings, and submitted a report (A/AC.109/L.1821).

(b) Open-ended Working Group established at the 1429th meeting, on 15 February 1994

31. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February, on the recommendation of its Chairman, the Special Committee established an open-ended Working Group with responsibility for making recommendations on how to improve further the efficiency of the work of the Committee, with the same composition and mandate as the Working Group of 1993. The open-ended Working Group of the previous year was composed of all members of the Committee and was open to any State Member of the United Nations. Administering Powers, in particular, as well as representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories, were encouraged to participate. The open-ended Working Group did not hold any official meetings but held informal meetings and consultations through Committee members.

(c) Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance

32. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February, the Special Committee decided to maintain the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance consisting of the entire membership of the Committee.

33. At the same meeting, the Special Committee elected Mr. Amor Ardhaoui (Tunisia) as Chairman of the Subcommittee.

34. On 24 February, the Chairman of the Special Committee informed the members of the Committee that, on the basis of related consultations, the Subcommittee, at its 673rd meeting, on 23 February, had elected Mr. José Manuel Ovalle (Chile) as Vice-Chairman/Rapporteur (aide-mémoire 2/94). On 20 May, the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee informed the members of the Committee that, following the departure of Mr. Ovalle, the Subcommittee, at its 679th meeting, on 10 May, had elected Ms. Cecilia Mackenna (Chile) to that post (aide mémoire 7/94).

35. The Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance held 15 meetings, as well as a number of unofficial meetings, between 23 February and 7 June and submitted the following four reports which were subsequently considered by the Special Committee at its 1431st, 1432nd, 1437th and 1439th meetings, between 11 and 15 July:

(a) Pitcairn (A/AC.109/L.1813);

(b) St. Helena (A/AC.109/L.1814);

(c) American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands (A/AC.109/L.1815);

(d) Question of dissemination of information on decolonization (A/AC.109/L.1816).

36. An account of the Special Committee's consideration of the reports of the Subcommittee relating to the above-mentioned Territories (a) to (c) and to the dissemination of information (d) is contained in chapter IX (A/49/23 (Part VI)) and chapter II (A/49/23 (Part II)), respectively, of the present report.

E. Question of the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable

37. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February 1994, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1811), the Committee decided, inter alia, to allocate the question of the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable to the Working Group as appropriate. In taking that decision, the Committee recalled that, in its report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, 6/ it had stated that, subject to any directives that the Assembly might wish to give in that connection, it would continue, as part of its programme of work for 1994, to review the list of Territories to which the Declaration applied. The Committee further recalled that, by paragraph 5 of resolution 48/52, the Assembly had approved the report of the Committee, including the programme of work envisaged by the Committee for 1994.

38. At its 1439th meeting, on 15 July, the Special Committee considered the question on the basis of the recommendations contained in the 101st report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1821). The relevant paragraph of that report reads as follows:

> "11. The Working Group decided to recommend that the Special Committee should continue consideration of the question at its next session, subject to any directives which the General Assembly might give at its forty-ninth session."

39. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendation.

Special Committee decision of 15 August 1991 concerning Puerto Rico 7/

40. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1811), the Committee decided, inter alia, to take up as appropriate an item entitled "Special Committee decision of 15 August 1991 concerning Puerto Rico" and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

41. At its 1432nd meeting, on 11 July, on the proposal of the Expanded Bureau, the Committee decided to extend the postponement of the above item until 1995 and give due consideration to the requests for hearing on the basis of its usual practice.

42. At the 1437th and 1438th meetings, on 14 July, the Chairman drew attention to a number of communications received from organizations expressing the wish to be heard on Puerto Rico by the Special Committee. On the basis of the decision it had taken at its 1432nd meeting, the Committee agreed to accede to those requests and heard the representatives of the organizations concerned, as indicated below:

Petitioner	Meetings
Mr. Carlos Noriega Rodriguez, Colegio de Abogados de Puerto Rico	1437th
Mr. Fernando Martin, Puerto Rican Independence Party	1437th

Petitioner	Meetings
Mr. Ronald Fernandez, Justice for Puerto Rico	1437th
Ms. Gilma Gloria Camargo, on behalf of the National Lawyers Guild	1437th
Mr. Noel Colon Martinez, Congreso Nacional Hostosiano	1438th
Mr. Matthew J. Chachere, on behalf of the Instituto Puertorriqueño de Derechos Civiles and the Center for Constitutional Rights	1438th
Ms. Lourdes Lugo Lopez, National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War	1438th
Ms. Margarita Mergal, Ofensiva '92	1438th
Ms. Magdalena Cortes Acevedo, Family Committee of the Puerto Rican Political Prisoners	1438th
Mr. Valentin Soto, Comité de Afirmación Puertorriqueña	1438th
Mr. Julio A. Muriente Pérez, on behalf of Nuevo Movimiento Independentista de Puerto Rico	1438th

F. Consideration of other matters

1. Matters relating to the small Territories

43. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February 1994, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1811), the Committee decided, inter alia, to include in its agenda for the current session an item entitled "Matters relating to the small Territories" and to consider it at its plenary meetings and at meetings of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance.

44. In taking these decisions, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 48/52, by paragraph 10 (d) of which the Assembly requested the Committee "to continue to pay special attention to the small Territories, in particular through the dispatch of regular visiting missions, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence".

45. During the year, the Special Committee and its Subcommittee gave extensive consideration to all phases of the situation obtaining in the small Territories (see chaps. VIII-XI of the present report, A/49/23 (Parts V-VIII)).

2. Compliance of Member States with the Declaration and other relevant resolutions on decolonization

46. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1811), the Committee decided, inter alia, to consider the above question at its plenary meetings and at meetings of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance.

47. The Special Committee and its Subcommittee accordingly took that decision into account in their consideration of specific items.

3. Question of holding a series of meetings away from Headquarters

48. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1811), the Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the question of holding a series of meetings away from Headquarters as appropriate and to refer it to its Working Group for consideration and recommendations.

49. Having regard to its programme of work for 1995, the Special Committee, at its 1439th meeting, on 15 July, considered the question of holding meetings away from Headquarters, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 and paragraph 3 (9) of resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, by which the Assembly authorized the Committee to meet elsewhere than at United Nations Headquarters whenever and wherever such meetings might be required for the effective discharge of its functions. Also at its 1439th meeting, by approving the recommendations contained in the 101st report of its Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1821), the Committee decided, inter alia, that it would consider accepting such invitations as might be received in 1995 in connection with the above, and, when particulars of such meetings had become known, that the Committee would request the Secretary-General to seek the necessary budgetary provision in accordance with established procedure.

4. Pattern of conferences

50. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February, by adopting the suggestions puts forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1811), the Committee decided, inter alia, to take up as appropriate an item entitled "Pattern of conferences" and to refer it to its Working Group for consideration and recommendations. In so doing, the Committee was conscious of the fact that it had initiated some important measures in rationalizing its work methods, many of which were subsequently incorporated in a number of resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly. Further recalling the measures it had taken heretofore in that connection, the Committee decided to continue to exercise its initiatives in the effective utilization of the limited conference resources and the further reduction of its documentation requirements.

51. During the year, the Special Committee also continued the practice of circulating communications and information material, as far as possible, in the form of informal notes and aides-mémoire in the original language of submission, thus curtailing documentation requirements by some 1,500 pages and accruing considerable savings for the Organization. A list of the official documents issued by the Committee in 1994 is contained in the annex to the present chapter.

52. At its 1439th meeting, the Special Committee considered the item on the basis of the recommendations contained in the 101st report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1821). The relevant paragraphs of that report read as follows:

"5. The Working Group noted that, during the year, the Special Committee had closely followed the guidelines set forth in the resolutions of the General Assembly on the pattern of conferences, in particular resolution 48/222 of 23 December 1993. By organizing its programme of work effectively and by holding extensive consultations and working in informal session, the Committee had been able to curtail considerably the number of its formal meetings. The Working Group recommended that the Special Committee should continue to make optimum and effective use of the conference-servicing resources.

"6. The Working Group decided to recommend that, taking into account the probable workload of the Special Committee for 1995, the Committee should consider holding its meetings according to the following schedule:

(a) Plenary

February/June	As required
July	Up to 20 meetings (6 to 8 meetings a week)

(b) Subsidiary bodies

March/June	20 meetings (1 to 4 meetings a week)

"7. It was understood that that programme would not preclude the holding of any ad hod meetings that might be warranted and that the Special Committee might, in early 1995, review the scheduled meetings on the basis of new developments that might arise. The Working Group recommended that, subject to any directives given by the General Assembly, the Special Committee, while fulfilling its mandate, should strive to keep its meetings to a minimum."

53. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendations.

5. Control and limitation of documentation

54. Also at its 1439th meeting, on 15 July, the Special Committee considered the above question on the basis of recommendations contained in the 101st report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1821). The relevant paragraphs of that report read as follows:

"8. The Working Group noted that, during the year, the Special Committee had taken further measures to control and limit its documentation in compliance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular resolutions 34/50 of 23 November 1979, 39/68 of 13 December 1984 and 48/222 B of 23 December 1993. Those measures included the circulation of its documents in provisional or unofficial form whenever appropriate. The Working Group recommended that, consistent with the goal of limiting documentation, the Special Committee should streamline its report to the General Assembly. In order to limit the Committee's documentation further, the Working Group decided to recommend that in preparing the general working papers on the Territories, the Secretariat should, where applicable, incorporate under separate headings those sections relating to foreign economic and other interests and those on military activities and arrangements on those Territories.

"9. The Working Group further decided to recommend to the Special Committee that the report of the Secretary-General relating to information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations should be published only as a document of the General Assembly and eliminate its publication under the A/AC./109 series. Should an updated report be required for any forthcoming session of the General Assembly, an addendum would be issued.

"10. By its resolution 48/222 B, the General Assembly encouraged all bodies currently entitled to written meeting records to review the need for such records, particularly verbatim records, and to communicate their recommendations to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session. Having reviewed the need for such records, the Working Group decided to recommend to the Special Committee to maintain its verbatim records."

55. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendations.

6. Cooperation and participation of the administering Powers in the work of the Special Committee

56. In compliance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the delegations of New Zealand and Portugal, as representatives of the administering Powers concerned, continued to participate, in accordance with established procedure, in the related work of the Special Committee as reflected in chapters VIII to X of the present report (A/49/23 (Parts V-VII)).

57. The delegations of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America did not participate in the work of the Committee. 8/

58. In its report (A/AC.109/L.1815), the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance noted with regret that the United Kingdom and the United States, the administering Powers for the majority of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, did not participate in its deliberations.

59. In a related context, the Special Committee, at its 1434th meeting, on 12 July, adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/L.1817, on the question of sending visiting missions to Territories, as resolution A/AC.109/2004. By this resolution, the Committee took note with appreciation that, at the invitation of the Government of New Zealand, a visiting mission would be dispatched to Tokelau in July 1994. It called upon the administering Powers to cooperate or continue to cooperate with the United Nations by receiving United Nations visiting missions in the Territories under their administration and continued to call upon those administering Powers that were not participating in the work of the Special Committee to reconsider their decisions and to take an active part in the work of the Committee (see chap. III, para. 16, of the present report, A/49/23 (Part II)).

7. Participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Special Committee

60. Also at its 1439th meeting, on 15 July, the Special Committee considered the above question on the basis of recommendations contained in the 101st report

of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1821). The relevant paragraph of that report reads as follows:

> "17. The Working Group decided to recommend that the participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Special Committee at Headquarters, as recommended by the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, should continue to be facilitated through the reimbursement by the United Nations of the expenses relating to their participation under the terms of the guidelines amended by the Committee and approved by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session. In that regard, the Working Group decided to recommend that the Special Committee consider the guidelines at its plenary meetings with a view to further amending them, where appropriate."

61. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendation.

8. Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of All Colonial Territories Fighting for Freedom, Independence and Human Rights

62. Under the terms of General Assembly resolution 2911 (XXVII) of 2 November 1972, by paragraph 2 of which the Assembly recommended that, "on the occasion of the Week, ... appropriate materials should be published in the press and broadcast on radio and television and public campaigns should be conducted with a view to obtaining contributions to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism ...", and as reflected in the report of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance relating to the question of dissemination of information on decolonization (A/AC.109/L.1816), on 26 May, the Chairman of the Subcommittee made a statement in commemoration of the Week (see chap. II, para. 6 of the present report, A/49/23 (Part II)).

9. Representation at seminars, meetings and conferences of intergovernmental and other organizations

63. At its 1439th meeting, on 15 July, the Special Committee considered the following recommendation of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1821):

> "4. The Working Group proposed that the Special Committee recommend to the General Assembly that the Committee should continue to be represented at seminars, meetings and conferences organized by United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in the field of decolonization. In keeping with its decision of 15 February 1994, contained in document A/AC.109/PV.1429, the Committee would authorize its Chairman to hold consultations, as appropriate, concerning its participation in those meetings, as well as the level of representation, when accepting invitations. In accordance with established practice, the Chairman would hold consultations with the Bureau members who, in turn, would consult with the members of the Committee from their respective regional groups. Information on such invitations should be conveyed to the members so that they were able to offer their views on the matter before a specific deadline. The Working Group also recommended that the General Assembly should make appropriate budgetary provisions to cover such activities in 1995."

64. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendation.

10. International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism

65. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February, the Special Committee, mindful of the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and by approving the recommendation of its Chairman on the Committee's organization of work for the year, decided to allocate to the Working Group and plenary meetings of the Committee, as appropriate, the question, "International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism".

66. At its 1439th meeting, on 15 July, the Special Committee considered the question on the basis of the recommendations contained in the 101st report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1821). The relevant paragraphs of that report read as follows:

> "12. Noting that the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism provided for the holding of seminars in the Caribbean and the Pacific regions, alternately, the Working Group decided to recommend to the Special Committee that it should organize in 1995 a seminar in the Caribbean region, to be attended by representatives of all the Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories, irrespective of their location.
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> "13. The Working Group noted that the regional seminar, which was to be held at Headquarters from 10 to 12 May 1994, had been postponed to a future date. The Working Group therefore decided to recommend to the Special Committee that the seminar in the Caribbean region should be used as an occasion to carry out a mid-term review of the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism and to hear the views of representatives of all the Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories.
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> "14. The Working Group further decided to recommend that the Special Committee should invite United Nations organs, agencies and institutions to apprise the Secretary-General of actions they have taken in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/181 of 19 December 1991 relating to the Plan of Action and submit a report to the Assembly at its fiftieth session."

67. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendations.

11. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations

68. At its 1439th meeting, on 15 July, the Special Committee considered the following recommendation of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1821):

> "15. The commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995 would provide the most appropriate opportunity to take stock of the historic progress achieved in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples as well as the

crucial role played by the United Nations system in that regard. To that end, the Working Group decided to recommend that the Special Committee should plan to undertake the following activities in 1995:

"(a) The Chairman of the Special Committee should participate in the special commemorative meetings of the General Assembly in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations;

"(b) The Special Committee, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity (OAU), should organize a special commemorative meeting during 1995 in observance of Africa Liberation Day, which falls on 25 May 1995, it being understood that the specific modalities and procedures for the commemoration would be subject to subsequent consultations between the Chairman of the Committee and its members;

"(c) In their programme of activities for the fiftieth anniversary, the United Nations fiftieth anniversary secretariat, in consultation with the Special Committee of 24 and the Department of Public Information, should be requested to make arrangements for wide publicity coverage of the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, including the production of a documentary and television spots and the holding of a round table of journalists;

"(d) The specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned should be requested to include and highlight, among their various activities in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary, the role played by the United Nations in the field of decolonization. These activities might include the preparation of special publications and studies and the holding of exhibits, etc.

"16. The Working Group decided to recommend that the Special Committee, in undertaking the above-mentioned activities in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, should cooperate and work closely with the United Nations fiftieth anniversary secretariat and the Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations."

69. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendation.

12. Report of the Special Committee to the General Assembly

70. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work (A/AC.109/L.1811) and in accordance with paragraph 31 of General Assembly decision 34/401 relating to rationalization of the procedures and organization of the Assembly, the Special Committee decided to follow the procedure adopted at its 1993 session 9/ in connection with the formulation of its recommendations to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

71. At its 1434th meeting, on 12 July, the Special Committee decided to authorize its Rapporteur to prepare and submit directly to the General Assembly the various chapters of the report of the Committee in accordance with established practice and procedure.

13. Other questions

72. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1811), the Committee decided to request the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance, in its examination of specific Territories, to take into account the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions and decisions listed in the note by the Secretary-General on the organization of work of the Special Committee (A/AC.109/L.1810), paras. 14 and 15).

73. This decision was taken into account during the consideration of specific Territories and other items at both subcommittee and plenary meetings.

G. Relations with United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

1. Security Council

74. In paragraph 10 (b) of its resolution 48/52 of 10 December 1993, the General Assembly requested the Special Committee "to make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security".

2. Trusteeship Council

75. During the year, the Special Committee continued to follow closely the work of the Trusteeship Council relating to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

3. Economic and Social Council

76. In connection with the Special Committee's consideration of the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, and in accordance with paragraph 20 of General Assembly resolution 48/47 of 10 December 1993, relating to that item, consultations were held during the year between the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Chairman of the Committee to consider "appropriate measures for coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies ... in implementing the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly". Further, the Chairman of the Special Committee participated in the Council's consideration of the related item. An account of the foregoing, and of the Committee's consideration of the item, is set out in chapter VI of the present report (A/49/23 (Part IV)).

77. A delegation of the Special Committee, composed of the Acting Chairman and the representatives of Tunisia and the Syrian Arab Republic, represented the Committee at the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, held at Bridgetown, Barbados, from 26 April to 6 May 1994 and participated in the high-level segment of the Conference from 4 to 6 May. At the 1431st meeting, on 11 July, the Acting Chairman presented to the Committee a report (aide-mémoire 9/94) on behalf of the delegation (A/AC.109/PV.1431).

4. Commission on Human Rights

78. During the year, the Special Committee followed closely the work of the Commission on Human Rights in regard to the question of the right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial domination, and to the question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent Territories.

79. In its consideration of the Territories concerned, the Special Committee took into account the relevant resolutions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights, including resolutions 1994/6, 1994/7 and 1994/9 of 18 February 1994; 1994/15, 1994/17 and 1994/18 of 25 February 1994; 1994/20 and 1994/21 of 1 March 1994; 1994/23, 1994/26 and 1994/28 of 4 March 1994; 1994/95 of 9 March 1994; and 1994/29 of 4 March 1994 on the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, as well as the Subcommission's report. 10/ The Committee also took into account the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolutions 48/89 to 48/94, 48/108, 48/112, 48/119, 48/121, 48/123 to 48/125, 48/130 and 48/133 of 20 December 1993, and 48/163 of 21 December 1993.

5. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

80. During the year, having regard to the relevant provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Special Committee continued to follow the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (see para. 89).

6. Specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations

81. In accordance with the requests contained in the relevant General Assembly resolutions, the Special Committee continued its consideration of the item on the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. In the same context, the Committee held consultations during the year with officials of several organizations. An account of these consultations and of the Committee's consideration of the question is set out in chapter VI of the present report (A/49/23 (Part IV)).

82. During the year, the Special Committee adopted decisions relating to the extension of assistance to the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories. These decisions are reflected in chapters VI, IX and X of the present report (A/49/23 (Parts IV, VI and VII)).

7. Organization of African Unity

83. Bearing in mind its earlier decision to maintain contact with OAU on a regular basis in order to assist in the effective discharge of its mandate, the Special Committee, as in previous years, followed closely the work of that organization during the year and maintained close liaison with its General Secretariat on matters of common interest.

8. Caribbean Community

84. The Special Committee continued to follow closely the work of the Caribbean Community relating to the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the region.

9. South Pacific Forum

85. During the year, the Special Committee continued to follow closely the work of the South Pacific Forum concerning the Non-Self-Governing Territories in that region.

10. Movement of Non-Aligned Countries

86. The Acting Chairman represented the Special Committee at the Eleventh Ministerial Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Cairo from 31 May to 3 June 1994, and presented a report (aide-mémoire 10/94) to the Committee at its 1431st meeting, on 11 July (A/AC.109/PV.1431).

11. Non-governmental organizations

87. Having regard to the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 48/52 and 48/53 of 10 December 1993, the Special Committee continued to follow closely the activities of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization. The related decisions of the Committee are reflected in Chapter II of the present report (A/49/23 (Part II)).

H. Action relating to international conventions/ studies/programmes

1. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 11/

88. At its 1429th meeting, on 15 February 1994, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1811), the Committee decided, inter alia, to include in its agenda for the current session an item entitled "International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination" and to consider it at its plenary meetings and at meetings of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance, in its examination of specific Territories.

89. The Special Committee continued during the year to monitor related developments in Territories, having regard to the relevant provisions of article 15 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

2. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

90. The Special Committee continued to take into account the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations bodies concerned relating to the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, including in particular General Assembly resolution 48/91 of 20 December 1993, the relevant report of

the Secretary-General, 12/ and Economic and Social Council decision 1994/241 of 22 July 1994.

91. During the year, the Special Committee, in a related context, took into account the relevant provisions of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1994/9 of 18 February 1994 concerning the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

I. Review of work

92. As noted elsewhere in the current report, the reform processes initiated by the Special Committee in 1991, which brought about a number of changes and improvements in its approach, methods and procedures, were again pursued in 1994. The measures adopted by the Committee included the streamlining and consolidation of a number of its resolutions. With regard to the preparation of the consolidated draft resolution, it was recommended that extensive consultations should be held with the administering Powers concerned and with representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories, and that all administering Powers concerned should be urged to cooperate fully with the Committee. As in previous years, the Committee's recommendation to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on 10 Territories were consolidated into a single resolution (chap. X, paras. 33 and 34 of the present report (A/49/23 (Parts VI and X))). See also A/AC.109/2002).

93. The Special Committee also reviewed carefully its resolutions on the question of sending visiting missions to Territories (A/AC.109/2004 and Corr.1), information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (A/AC.109/2005), activities of foreign economic and other interests (A/AC.109/2007), implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/AC.109/2011), as well as its decision on military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (A/AC.109/2008).

94. In accordance with the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly, the Special Committee continued during its 1994 session to seek suitable means for the implementation of Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) in all Territories to which the Declaration is applicable and formulated specific proposals and recommendations in that regard.

95. With regard to United Nations visiting missions to the Non-Self-Governing Territories, the Committee, at the invitation of the Government of New Zealand, the administering Power concerned, dispatched a visiting mission to Tokelau in July 1994 (see A/49/23 (Part VII), chap. X).

96. On the question of the publicity to be given to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, the Special Committee endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of its Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance as reported in chapter II of the present report (A/49/23 (Part II)).

97. During the year, the Special Committee also continued its review of the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable. As regards Special Committee decision of 15 August 1991 concerning Puerto Rico, the Committee decided to defer consideration of that decision until 1995. However, in accordance with the recommendation of the Expanded Bureau, endorsed by the

Special Committee at its 1432nd meeting, on 11 July, the Committee did hear representatives of organizations concerned.

98. In accordance with the guidelines established by the General Assembly, the Special Committee was able during the year to reduce to a minimum the number of its formal meetings and to minimize the wastage resulting from cancellation of scheduled meetings.

J. Future work

99. In accordance with the mandate entrusted to it in the relevant General Assembly resolutions, and subject to any further directives which it may receive from the Assembly during its forty-ninth session, the Special Committee intends during the 1995 to pursue its efforts in seeking the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration in all Territories that have not yet attained independence. In particular, the Committee will keep under review developments concerning each Territory, as well as the compliance by all States, in particular the administering Powers, with the relevant decisions and resolutions of the United Nations. On the basis of that review, the Committee will continue to submit conclusions and recommendations on the specific measures necessary to achieve the objectives set out in the Declaration and the relevant provisions of the Charter. The Committee also intends to continue its review of the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable.

100. The Special Committee will continue to make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security.

101. The Special Committee will continue to fulfil the responsibilities that have been entrusted to it in the context of the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/181 of 19 December 1991. The activities to be undertaken in this connection include a seminar in the Caribbean region to be organized by the Committee in 1995 to be attended by the representatives of all the Non-Self-Governing Territories. The seminar would be used as an occasion to carry out a mid-term review of the Plan of Action.

102. The Special Committee will continue to pay special attention to the specific problems of the small island Territories which constitute the overwhelming majority of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories. Aware that, in addition to general problems facing developing countries, these island Territories also suffer handicaps arising from the interplay of such factors as their size, remoteness, geographical dispersion, vulnerability to natural disasters, the fragility of their ecosystems, constraints in transport and communications, great distances from market centres, a highly limited internal market, lack of natural resources, weak indigenous technological capacity, the acute problem of obtaining freshwater supplies, heavy dependence on imports and a small number of commodities, depletion of non-renewable resources, migration, particularly of personnel with high-level skills, shortage of administrative personnel and heavy financial burdens, the Special Committee will continue to recommend measures to facilitate a sustained and balanced growth of the fragile economies of those Territories and increased assistance in the development of all the sectors of those economies, with particular emphasis on programmes of diversification. In so doing, the Committee will continue to take into consideration the recommendations of the regional seminars that the Committee

has organized since 1990 (A/AC.109/1040 and Corr.1, A/AC.109/1043, A/AC.109/1114 and A/AC.109/1159).

103. It is the Special Committee's intention to continue to follow closely the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. In so doing, the Committee, as in the past, will review the action taken or envisaged by international organizations in the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly. The Committee will hold further consultations and contacts with those organizations, as appropriate. The Committee will also be guided by the results of further consultations to be held in 1995 between its Chairman and the President of the Economic and Social Council within the context of the relevant decisions of the Assembly, the Council and the Committee itself. Further, the Committee will maintain close contact with the Secretaries-General and senior officials of regional organizations (Organization of African Unity, Organization of American States, Caribbean Community, South Pacific Forum, etc.) particularly those in the Caribbean and Pacific regions where the majority of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories are located. The objective of these contacts is to facilitate the effective implementation of the decisions of the various United Nations bodies and to foster cooperation between the specialized agencies and those regional organizations in their assistance to the Non-Self-Governing Territories in those regions.

104. The Special Committee intends to continue to review measures to bring an end to the activities of those foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration in Non-Self-Governing Territories. Further, the Committee intends to continue its study of military activities and arrangements in those Territories.

105. In its resolutions relating to Non-Self-Governing Territories, the General Assembly has repeatedly called upon the administering Powers to cooperate or continue to cooperate with the Special Committee by inviting United Nations visiting missions to the Territories under their administration. Having regard to the constructive role played by such missions in the past, the Committee continues to attach the utmost importance to the dispatch of visiting missions as a means of collecting adequate and firsthand information on conditions in the Territories and on the wishes and aspirations of the people concerning their future status. Accordingly, the Committee will continue to seek the full cooperation of the administering Powers on the matter.

106. Taking into consideration its mandate over Western Sahara and its primary responsibility to ensure the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) for all Non-Self-Governing Territories, and in accordance with a decision it had taken at its 1397th meeting, on 23 August 1991, the Special Committee may dispatch a mission to Western Sahara during the holding of the referendum in the Territory.

107. Taking into account the views expressed by the representatives of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories at the regional seminars organized by the Special Committee since 1990, as well as the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, the Committee will continue to consider, in cooperation with the administering Powers, how to intensify and improve the participation of the representatives of those Territories in the work of the Committee within the existing resources.

108. In the light of the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions concerning the pattern of conferences, and taking into consideration its experience in previous years, as well as its probable workload for next year, the Special Committee has approved a tentative programme of meetings for 1995, which it commends to the Assembly for approval.

109. The Special Committee suggests that, when the General Assembly, at its forty-ninth session, examines the question of the implementation of the Declaration, it may wish to take into account the various recommendations of the Committee which are reflected in the relevant chapters of the present report and, in particular, to endorse the proposals outlined in the present section in order to enable the Committee to carry out the tasks it envisages for 1995. In addition, the Committee recommends that the Assembly should renew its appeal to the administering Powers to take all necessary steps for the implementation of the Declaration and the relevant United Nations resolutions, in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples of the Territories concerned. In this connection, the Committee recommends that the Assembly should again request the administering Powers to cooperate or continue to cooperate with the Committee in the discharge of its mandate and, in particular, to participate actively in the work relating to the Territories under their respective administrations. Bearing in mind the affirmation by the Assembly that direct association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies is an effective means of promoting the progress of the peoples of those Territories towards a position of equality with States Members of the United Nations, the Committee also recommends that the Assembly should continue to invite the administering Powers to allow representatives of the Territories concerned to participate in the discussions in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) and the Special Committee of the items relating to their respective Territories. Further, the Assembly might also wish to renew its appeal to all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to comply with the various requests addressed to them by the Assembly and the Security Council in their relevant resolutions.

110. The Special Committee recommends that, in approving the programme of work outlined above, the General Assembly should make adequate provision to cover the activities the Committee envisages for 1995. In this regard, the Special Committee recalls that the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 includes resources in respect of the programme of work of the Special Committee for 1994 and 1995 based on the level of activities approved for the year 1993, without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session. On that basis, the Special Committee understands that should any additional provisions be required over and above those currently appropriated in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, these would have to be approved by the General Assembly. Finally, the Committee expresses the hope that the Secretary-General will continue to provide it with all the facilities and personnel necessary for the discharge of its mandate, taking into account the various tasks assigned to it by the Assembly as well as those arising from decisions taken by it during the current year.

K. Conclusion of the 1994 session

111. At its 1434th meeting, on 12 July 1994, the Special Committee decided to request the Rapporteur to prepare the present report and submit it directly to the General Assembly, in accordance with established practice.

112. At the 1440th meeting, on 15 September, the Acting Chairman made a statement on the occasion of the closing of the 1994 session of the Special Committee (A/AC.109/PV.1440).

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventeenth Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 25, document A/5238.

2/ See the reports of the Special Committee submitted to the General Assembly at its eighteenth to forty-eighth sessions. For the most recent, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/47/23); and ibid., Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/48/23).

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4/ Ibid., chap. I, sect. J.

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10/ E/CN.4/1994/2.

11/ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965, annex.

12/ E/1994/97.

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A/AC.109/1196	Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General	1 July 1994
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A/AC.109/1199	Question of East Timor: letter dated 8 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee	8 July 1994
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